



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUNDS BY STATE

To help schools deal with supply chain challenges brought on by the pandemic, USDA is providing up to: \$1 billion in Supply Chain Assistance funds for schools to purchase food for their meal programs, \$300 million for states to purchase USDA Foods to distribute to schools, and \$200 million for cooperative agreements to purchase local foods for schools, focusing on historically underserved producers.

State	\$1 Billion Supply Chain Assistance Funds	\$300 Million USDA Foods Purchases	\$200 Million Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreements	Total
Montana	\$3,639,907	\$791,922	\$727,981	\$5,159,810

Supply Chain Assistance Funds (FNS)

\$3,639,907

Supply Chain Assistance funding can be used by school districts to purchase unprocessed and minimally processed domestic food such as fresh fruit, milk, cheese, frozen vegetables, and ground meat. Montana OPI will allocate the funds to districts based on student enrollment, with a minimum amount of \$5,000 per district.

USDA Foods Purchases (USDA)

\$791,922

USDA has identified a large list of available products. States will be able to order these additional foods within the coming weeks, with deliveries to occur as soon as possible.

Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreements (AMS)

\$727,981

This program will strengthen the food system for schools by helping to build a fair, competitive, and resilient local food chain and expanding local and regional markets with an emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved producers and processors.

Food programs Ex 21

Montana Harvest of the Month

Each month participating sites focus on promoting one locally grown item (e.g., lentils) by serving it in at least one meal or snack, offering taste tests, conducting educational activities, and displaying or distributing Harvest of the Month materials.

Many sites reported barriers in HOM participation due to changes in school nutrition program operation, such as staffing shortages, changes to meal service, and overall uncertainty in program operation. Other challenges included changes in overall school district operation, such as in delivery of K-12 curriculum instruction.



GET INVOLVED + CONTACT

Website

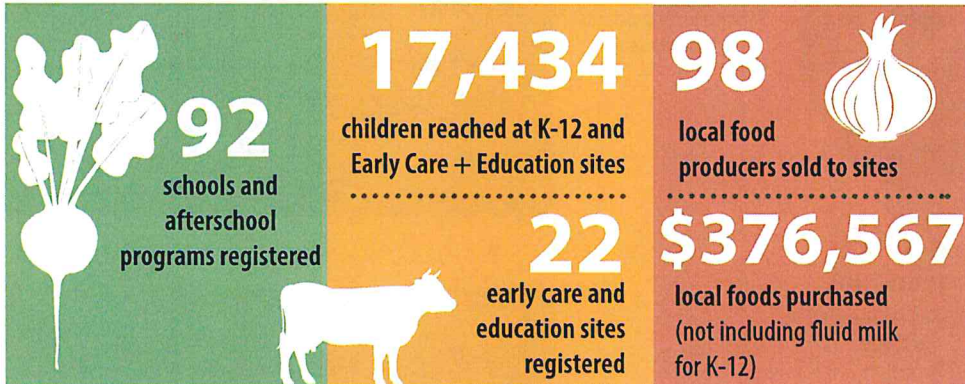
Find resources and information at:
www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool

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In school year 2020-2021



Training + Resources

There are many ways to learn about farm to school and access resources! Montana Farm to School hosts farm to school webinars and in-person trainings as well as an archive of previous webinars on the Montana Farm to School website.

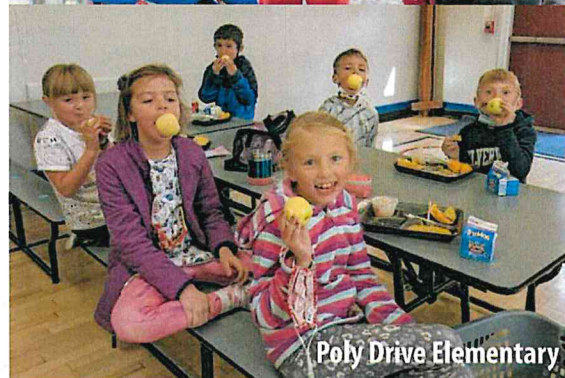


Celebrating Farm to School Month

Montana Crunch Time is a statewide event to celebrate National Farm to School Month and 'buy local' initiatives in Montana by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on a designated day in October.



people participated in Montana Crunch Time 2020



SOURCES

National School Lunch Program Annual Sponsor Agreement Form 2020-2021, Montana Office of Public Instruction
2021 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Montana Office of Public Instruction
Map the Meal Gap: Child Food Insecurity 2019, Feeding America
Montana Farm to School Leadership Team Participation 2020, Montana Team Nutrition
Montana Harvest of the Month Participation 2020-2021, Montana Team Nutrition Program
Montana Crunch Time Participation 2020, Montana Team Nutrition
Montana Farm to School Professional Development and Technical Assistance Tracker 2019-21, Montana Team Nutrition
Montana Agriculture Statistics, 2021

Social Media Outreach



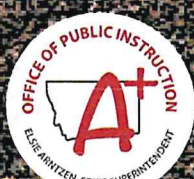
@montanafarmtoschool
1,382 likes during the 2020-21 school year



@mtfarmtoschool
1,459 engagements during the 2020-21 school year



MT Team Nutrition and Montana Harvest of the Month
4,243 views during the 2020-21 school year



Montana Marinara combines USDA FOODS canned tomatoes with Montana-grown produce! Processed in Ronan, Montana.

MONTANA MARINARA



TOMATO SAUCE



Montana grown

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, CARROTS, ONIONS, AND SAFFLOWER OIL
in a Montana-made Marinara Sauce

Leverage your school food funds for a Made in Montana product. Ordering Montana Marinara is a way to put your USDA allocation to work for local foods. Each pound of Montana Marinara sauce provides roughly \$0.33 to Montana farmers that produce the ingredients.

ORDERING: Montana Marinara will be on the USDA Foods Annual Survey in February 2022. For the 2022-2023 school year, OPI will cover 100% of the production cost with USDA Supply Chain Assistance Funds. Production in future years will be dependent on school district purchases.



Scan or visit:
<https://bit.ly/MTMarinara>

1/2 cup serving of Montana Marinara
equals 1/2 cup serving red/orange
vegetables!

Scan the QR code to watch a video about Montana Marinara and see how the product is made!